

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1366 without my signature.

This bill would require local governments to have approved housing elements and to have submitted annual housing element progress reports for eligibility for funding of specified affordable housing programs administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development. As a result, this bill could exclude housing projects located in some communities from accessing Proposition 1C housing bond funds for affordable housing projects. While compliance with housing element law is important, withholding funding could have the effect of reducing affordable housing options in communities where it is most needed.

For this reason, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger